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UCRS horses dress up in red socks for Sport Relief

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THE UIST Community Riding School (UCRS) has been doing its bit for Sport Relief, by organising a sponsored ride round Balivanich with all horses wearing red socks! Over £400 was raised for the Sport Relief charity.

All of UCRS's horses took part in the walk. A big thank you to those who helped on the day and also to all who generously gave money to sports relief (those still with sponsor money to hand in, please do so).

Below are a few differences your money can make to the Sport Relief charity. Your cash transforms thousands of lives all over the world and also right here in the UK.

- £5 could buy new clothes for a child living or working on the street.
- £10 could give expert advice and guidance to a person living with dementia in the UK and their carer, to improve their quality of life.
- £100 could run a school in Kenya for a week, educating more than 300 children, whose families are affected by HIV and AIDS.
- £350 could pay for 875 children in Uganda to have a rapid diagnostic test for malaria. This means they can get the right treatment

quickly and gives them a chance of surviving long enough to reach hospital.

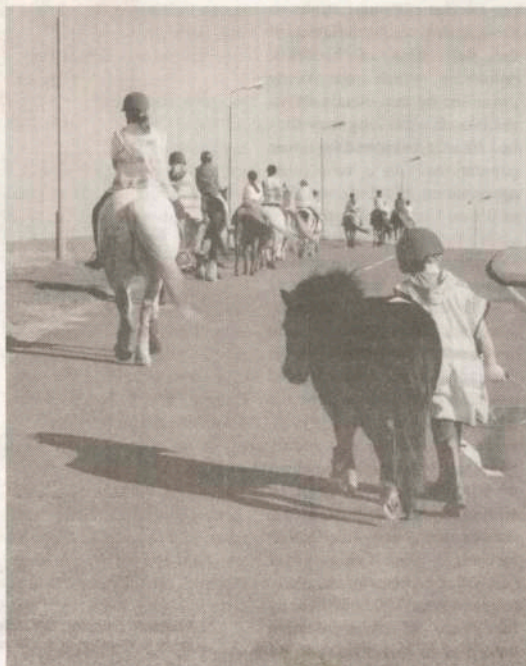
- £1,000 could transform the lives of a whole community living in the slums of Kenya, by giving them permanent access to clean water.

We scoped another clear day to ride to Flodda, via the Rueval track, for soup and Easter eggs. Despite this being a "walk all the way" ride, there were many excitements along the way and a few wet feet and sunburnt faces.

Easter at UCRS brought a flurry of tourists and regular visitors, who enjoyed the beach and special events in the yard.

Pony pannier picnics were also launched. Culla, Shely and Harris carried panniers full of wood, water and sausages and we had a trial Barbecue on Balivanich beach. The ponies took this challenge in their stride and gave their leaders a run for their money heading home. This is a low cost activity and aimed primarily at small to medium groups of children or families – give us a ring for more info on this.

We have a wide range of new and old activities planned for this spring and summer. If anyone (rider or beginner) has any suggestions for events or activities we can hold in the yard, please let us know. We will willingly consider any suggestions – small or large – to help develop your Community Riding School. Call us at any time on 01870 602808.



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